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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/FR00/02702)

FILED: HEREWITH :

FOR: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR  
ANALYSING NUCLEIC ACIDS  
FIXED ON A SUPPORT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-14.<sup>13</sup>

Please add the following new claims:

<sup>14</sup>15. (New) Characterization process for a nitrogenous base, a nucleic acid, or a nitrogenous base of a nucleic acid, fixed on a support, the said process consisting of characterizing the said nucleic acid or the said nitrogenous base without marking by a mirage effect method.

<sup>15</sup>16. (New) Quantification process for a nitrogenous base, a nucleic acid, or a nitrogenous base of a nucleic acid, fixed on a support, the said process consisting of